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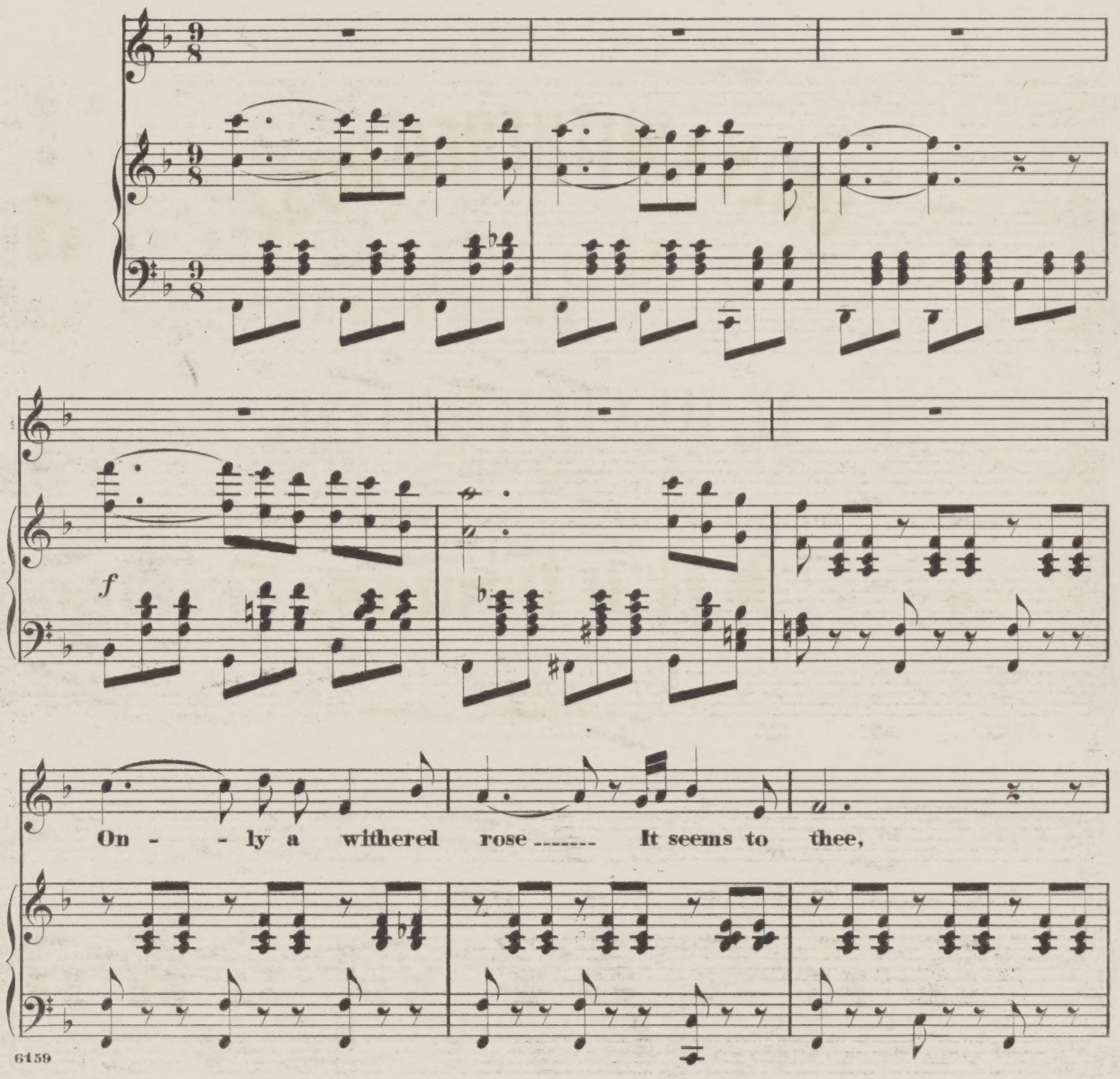
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dolce.

Yet day by day it grows Dearer to me, I

know its beau - ty fled Long months a-go, I

know its pet-als red Turn'd white as snow Yet

cresc.

dim.

dear it is to me As when it came

poco rall.

Fresh------- dearest one from thee, Breathing thy name.

colla voce.

dim.

I

know---------- its fragrance died -------- Long, long a - go, I

dolce.

know--------- that flow'rs be - side---------- More beauteous grow Yet

I ---------- still cherish this, One gift from thee

Sym - bol of earth-ly bliss---- Thy love for me ---------- Oh!

dim.

though-------- the rose must fade----- And bloom de - cay-------- Our

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love---------- shall e'er be made Brighter each day.

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Oakes, Eng.